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SUBJ: NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION: GOF PRESS

BACKGROUNDER DENIES DISCUSSIONS WITH USG ABOUT

PAKISTAN CONTRACT

1. DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION CALLED TO FOLLOWING AFP DESPATCH DATELINED PARIS FEB 2 ON THE SUBJECT OF USFRENCH-GERMAN CONSULTATIONS ABOUT THE SALE OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANTS TO PAKISTAN AND BRAZIL. EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE SATURDAY BETWEEN PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WERE CONCERNED ONLY ABOUT THE GENERAL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, AND DID NOT GET INTO ANY PARTICULAR CONTRACT, OFFICIAL FRENCH SOURCES STATED TUESDAY EVENING.

THIS BACKGROUND WAS SUPPLIED AS A RESULT OF THE STATEMENTS BY MR. MONDALE WHICH CLAIMED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE STARTED WITH THE FRG AND FRANCE ON THE SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR EXPORTS THESE TWO COUNTRIES ARE PLANNING TO MAKE TO BRAZIL AND PAKISTAN.

AS FAR AS FRANCE IS CONCERNED, THESE SAME OFFICIAL SOURCES STATE, NO AGREEMENT ABOUT CONSULTATIONS OF THIS TYPE WAS REACHED DURING MR. MONDALE'S VISIT.

OBSERVERS RECALL THAT DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN PARIS, MR. MONDALE HAD DESIGNATED THE FRANCO-PAKISTANI CONTRACT AS 'DELICATE,' AND HAD EMPHASIZED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED DURING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING. NEVERTHELESS, HE EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO HAVE NEW CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS SUBJECT WITH FRENCH LEADERS. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: THE FOREGOING BACKGROUND STORY WAS GIVEN TO AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE BY THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY LATE TUESDAY NIGHT. RUSH

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